

**Diagnostic Cytology of the Urinary Tract**

Nelson D Holmquist pp 88 \$19

New Orleans: S Karger A G 1977

This monograph, encompassing twenty-seven years' experience of urinary cytology at the Charity Hospital of Louisiana, is illustrated by 157 good quality photomicrographs. It is particularly unfortunate that so many different magnifications have been used to illustrate a technique where cell size, nuclear/cytoplasmic ratios and comparison between different types of cells are of vital importance. Some figures are incorrectly labelled and proof reading has not been rigorous enough. Neoplasms are dealt with comprehensively but coverage of non-neoplastic conditions is much less satisfactory. There is a full and up-to-date bibliography but the volume cannot compete with established texts or the many very excellent papers in the literature. Moreover, it is very highly priced.

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**Recent Results in Cancer Research:**

**Multiple Primary Malignant Neoplasms**

B S Schoenberg pp 173 \$21 Springer-Verlag 1977

Subtitled 'The Connecticut Experience, 1935-1964', this book is essential reading for those who love to hate computers. Elegant literature is not produced by offset printing of computer-generated statistics, but the text style (if one may use this term of a publication which, by comparison, makes HM Inspector's Tax Tables positively exciting reading) is informative and contains an excellent bibliography. The pragmatic clinician is enabled to answer with authority two questions about patients with primary cancer. First, are they more likely than average to develop another primary growth? Secondly, where is it likely to be? A considerable investment in time and money and a large computer have been used to crack this relatively small nut.

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**The Cultured Cell and Inherited**

**Metabolic Disease.** R A Harkness &

F Cockburn (ed) pp 203 £10.95 MTP 1977

This book is the fourteenth work in the series published for the Society for the Study of Inborn Errors of Metabolism. These books, many of which are devoted to single subjects, provide a valuable means of filling the gaps between editions of 'Metabolic Basis of Inherited Disease' by Stanbury *et al.*, and physicians interested in meta-

bolism should know where they can quickly lay their hands on them.

This volume, which deals with cultured cells, is more specialized than most; it contains information and discussion which are of interest to those concerned with prenatal diagnosis of inherited metabolic disease and with cryopreservation of living cells, cell studies in muscle and brain disorders, the gangliosidoses and some forms of hyperlipidaemia.

The introductory chapter by D G Harnden on medically important aspects of cell biology and the guest lecture by J E Seegmiller are well worth sitting down to read - even by those who are not professionally involved in the subject.

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**Surgical Pathology of the Uterus**

Steven G Silverberg pp 130 £10.50

Chichester: John Wiley & Sons 1977

This book is intended as a handbook of technique and directed to the surgical pathology resident. Although the contents are largely concerned with the pathology of the uterus it is deliberately not comprehensive and indeed more information may be found in the relevant chapters of any of the standard text books. Apart from useful advice on the selection of fibroids for section, and on the processing of cone biopsies, there is little in the way of worthwhile techniques to interest the senior histopathologist.

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**Advances in Behaviour Research and**

**Therapy, vol 1 no 1.** H J Eysenck &

S Rachman pp 56 £22.72 per annum

Oxford: Pergamon Press 1977

The introductory editorial by Rachman announces that discursive accounts of research programmes in the behavioural field will find space in this new publication. Two academic articles follow, both dealing with the trait of psychoticism that Eysenck has been trying for years to isolate by questionnaires. The first on twins by Eaves & Eysenck attempts to prove the value of the concept, but the second by Powell on the childhood modification of the questionnaire suggests that it predicts delinquency rather than psychotic potential. Forthcoming papers look more promising and may justify psychiatric and teaching hospital librarians ordering this quarterly journal.

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